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INCLUDING ENDSTATIONS**



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**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The applicants respectfully request that the following reference be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the reference is enclosed. If this reference was uncovered by an international or foreign search as part of a counterpart application filed by the applicants, then a copy of the search report is also enclosed.

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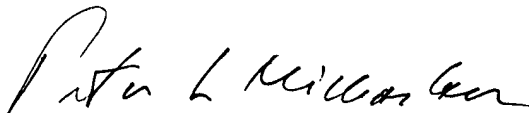
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Respectfully submitted,

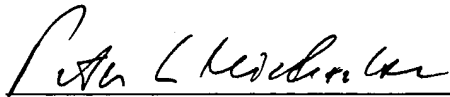
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